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This is the second time this year that Australia has the opportunity of seeing Japanese Soccer in our country. This time the Australian Soccer Federation has the opportunity of welcoming two teams. First of all the Japanese National team and, secondly, the Japanese National Youth team.

A hearty welcome is extended to the official delegation and players of both sides.

This visit, which follows the recent matches played against Colombia, is vital to the progress of Australian Soccer, and we are sure that both the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos and the *Coca-Cola* Young Socceroos will benefit from these encounters.

Japan, too, are fulfilling a program of development on somewhat parallel lines and no doubt reflect upon their first meetings with Australia.

In 1967 the Australians, under the captaincy of Johnny Warren, toured Asia/Oceania in the first major tour of that region. The ten-match tour contained seven full International matches and the team came back undefeated.

It was therefore in 1968 that Australia invited Japan to play a series of matches in Australia which ended in a drawn series. Three games were played, the first being a 2-2 draw. Australia won the second 3-1 and lost by the same score in the third and final match.

Johnny Warren was hurt in the first match and did not play again in the series. Shortly thereafter he left Australia to join the professional ranks of soccer in England at Stockport County.

and must develop from their current level which he evaluated as equivalent to the Fourth Division of English football.

Australia has made enormous progress since those days and it is no doubt due to many factors, but one essential has been the support soccer has received from the sponsors. *Coca-Cola*, in particular as a major sponsor, has greatly assisted in all facets of the game and have been supported by the Australian Sports Commission, the Victorian Health Foundation, Optus and adidas.

Les Sheinflug, the current coach of the *Coca-Cola* Young Socceroos, was also a member of the team which played the first encounters with Japan in March 1968.

Johnny Warren, in an interview in England on his arrival to play there, quoted Australia as being a country where soccer was played as a hobby with no professionalism

The last meeting between the national sides of Australia and Japan was their match in Japan on 27 September last year when they played a friendly match in Tokyo for a nil-all draw.

Both countries aspire to greater heights in International soccer and in this context we all wish them the best of success and an enjoyable match tonight.

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Australia on the March 26

PLAYER PROFILES

Statistics as at 7 February, 1995

MARK VIDUKA

Date of Birth: 09-10-75
Position: Striker
Current Club: Melbourne Knights (Vic)
Height: 190 cms
Weight: 93 kgs

CLINT BOLTON

Date of Birth: 22-08-75
Position: Goalkeeper
Current Club: Brisbane Strikers (Qld)
Height: 187 cms
Weight: 93 kgs

JOE VRKIC

Date of Birth: 31-08-76
Position: Defender
Current Club: Sydney United (NSW)
Height: 190 cms
Weight: 82 kgs

RICHARD PLESA

Date of Birth: 08-03-76
Position: Defender
Current Club: Sydney United (NSW)
Height: 182 cms
Weight: 80 kgs

MARK RUDAN

Date of Birth: 27-08-75
Position: Defender
Current Club: Sydney United (NSW)
Height: 191 cms
Weight: 84 kgs

JOHN ANGELOVSKI

Date of Birth: 16-07-76
Position: Defender
Current Club: Australian Institute of Sport (ACT)
Height: 177 cms
Weight: 70 kgs

UFUK TALAY

Date of Birth: 26-03-76
Position: Midfield
Current Club: Marconi Fairfield (NSW)
Height: 176 cms
Weight: 70 kgs

ROBERT ENES

Date of Birth: 22-08-75
Position: Midfield
Current Club: Preston (Vic)
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 80 kgs

JOSIP SKOKO

Date of Birth: 10-12-75
Position: Midfield
Current Club: North Geelong (Vic)
Height: 176 cms
Weight: 74 kgs

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NICK LAZAREVSKI

Date of Birth: 29-10-75
Position: Forward
Current Club: Victorian Institute of Sport (Vic)
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 73 kgs

PAUL BILOKAPIC

Date of Birth: 08-08-76
Position: Defender
Current Club: Sydney United (NSW)
Height: 191 cms
Weight: 86 kgs

DINO MENNILLO

Date of Birth: 22-08-75
Position: Midfield
Current Club: Adelaide City (SA)
Height: 175 cms
Weight: 78 kgs

JOHN CARTER

Date of Birth: 12-08-76
Position: Striker
Current Club: Australian Institute of Sport (ACT)
Height: 176 cms
Weight: 74 kgs

ROBERT MIDDLEBY

Date of Birth: 09-08-75
Position: Forward
Current Club: Wollongong City (NSW)
Height: 172 kgs
Weight: 73 kgs

CON ANTHOPOULOS (ANTHIOS)

Date of Birth: 20-05-76
Position: Right Back
Current Club: South Melbourne (Vic)
Height: 184 cms
Weight: 78 kgs

LESLIE POGLIACOMI

Date of Birth: 03-05-76
Position: Goalkeeper
Current Club: Marconi Fairfield (NSW)
Height: 195 cms
Weight: 92 kgs

ANDREW VLAHOS

Date of Birth: 20-04-76
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Heidelberg United (Vic)
Height: 169 cms
Weight: 68 kgs

IAN POLLARI

Date of Birth: 12-09-75
Position: Defender
Current Club: Marconi Fairfield (NSW)
Height: 183 cms
Weight: 75 kgs

JAPAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Football, as in so many other countries, was introduced to Japan by the British. The origins of Japanese football are said to date back to 1873 when an Englishman, Lieutenant Commander Douglas, introduced the game to Japan. In 1921 the Dai-Nippon Shukyu Kyokai, the predecessor of the present football association, was founded.

Australia v Japan, 1968 — Les Scheinflug second from left.

In 1936 Japan sent its national team to the Olympic Games in Berlin and scored an upset victory over Sweden. After going through a bad patch during and immediately following the Second World War, Japanese football picked up again when the national team reached the Quarter Finals of the Tokyo Olympic Games in 1964.

In 1965 the Japanese Soccer League was established. The JSL, originally an amateur league, provided the vehicle for rapid improvement in football skills and tactics and paved the way for the glory of the Bronze medals won by the Japanese team at the Mexico Olympic Games in 1968.

The greatest step forward in recent times was the formation of the J-League in 1993. The success of the J-League is revealed by statistics which show that the average soccer game between clubs prior to 1993 drew 6,000 to 7,000 people, whereas spectators have flocked to the J-League and the average now is in excess of 18,000.

The aggregate attendance for all J-League official matches in 1993 was 4,118,837 spectators which exceeded the original forecast of 2 million. The opening match of the J-League between Verdy Kawasaki and Yokohama Marinos attracted a staggering crowd of just under 60,000 spectators.

The financial support has therefore been more than adequate to import large numbers of top flight overseas internationals which has not only stimulated the appetite of the spectators but also bought skills into the country.

However, it is not only the imported players who have done so much for the J-League because Japanese players too have become more competitive as they have improved their tactical abilities.

Kazuyoshi Miura of Verdy Kawasaki is perhaps one of the most outstanding Japanese players. Miura displayed skills which were more than on a par with players from abroad. Now in 1995 there are many younger players emulating these forerunners in the J-League of 1993/1994.

In 1994 the J-League was increased from 12 to 16 teams and they will be supported at a slightly lower level by the Japan Football League, nine Regional leagues and forty-seven Prefectural leagues.

The growth of Soccer in Japan has been quite pronounced. In 1982 there were some 400,000 players registered and this has grown to over 700,000 in 1994. Approximately 500,000 of these are under 18 years of age. The active involvement of young boys and girls in football is regarded as a clear sign of the game's potential in Japan for the future.

The J-League has already attracted more and more women to football and by the start of 1994 the Football Association boasted 17,814 registered women players and they have already played many International matches.

It is only a matter of time before Japan becomes one of the world's leading soccer nations and has already applied to hold the World Cup in Japan in the year 2002.

Japan v Australia, 1968.

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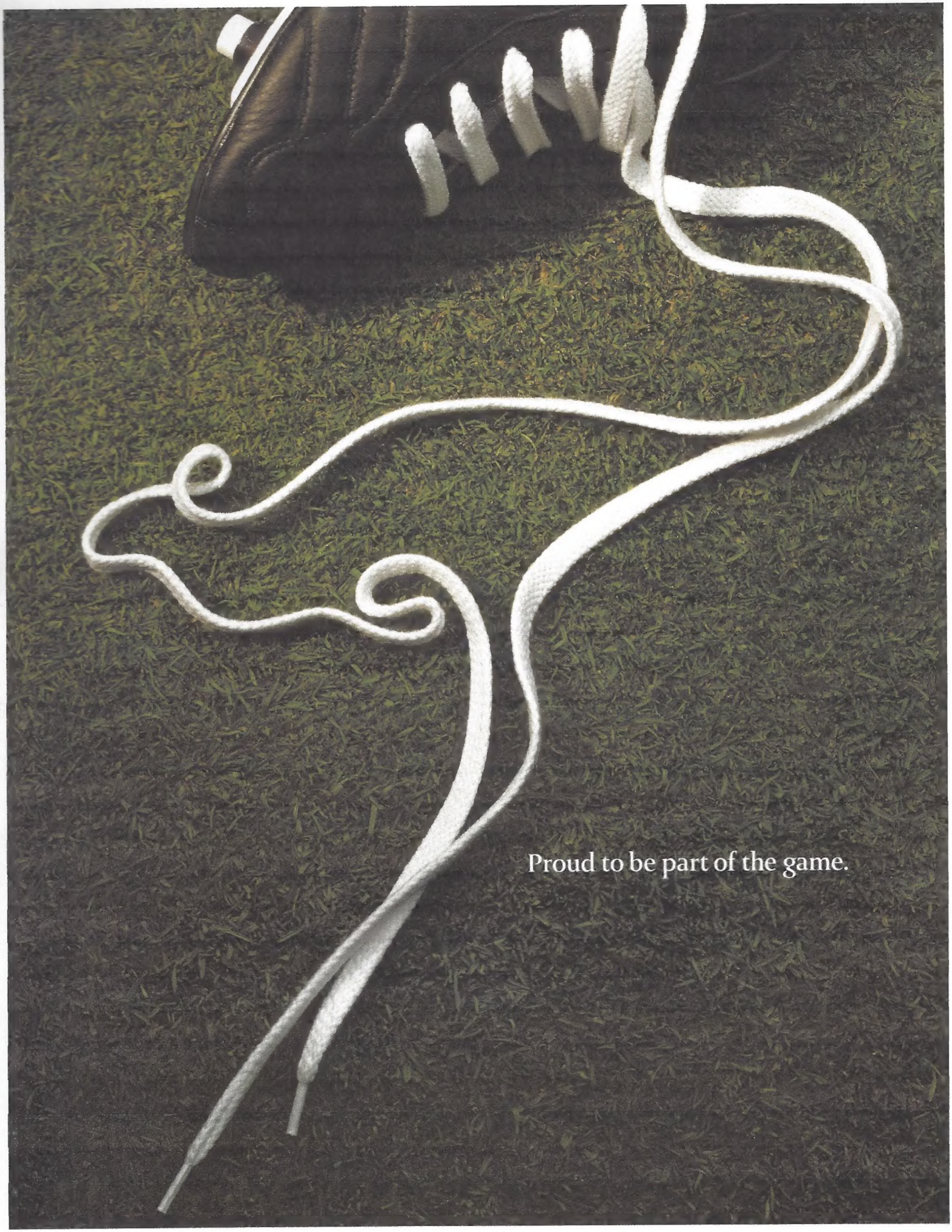

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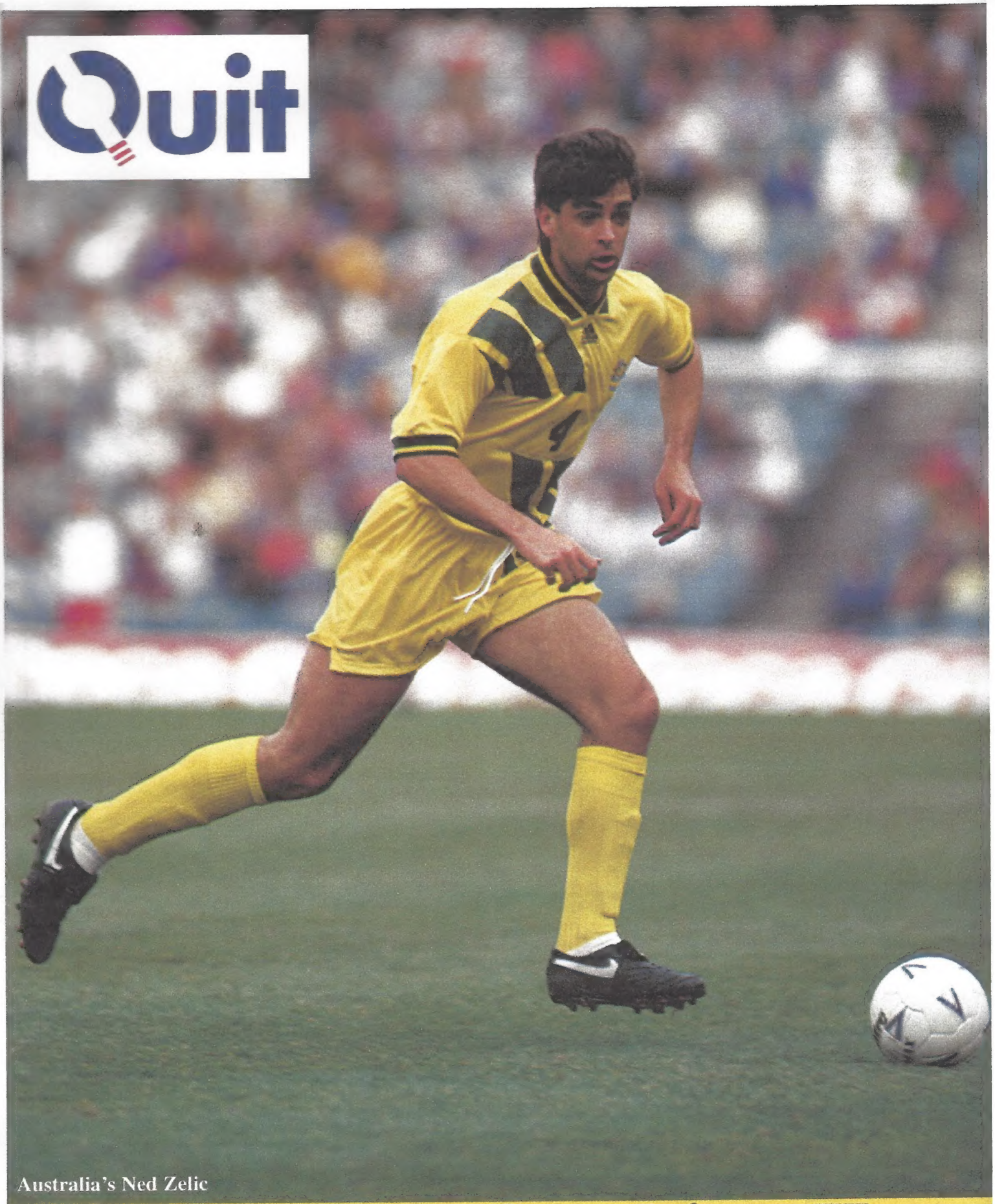

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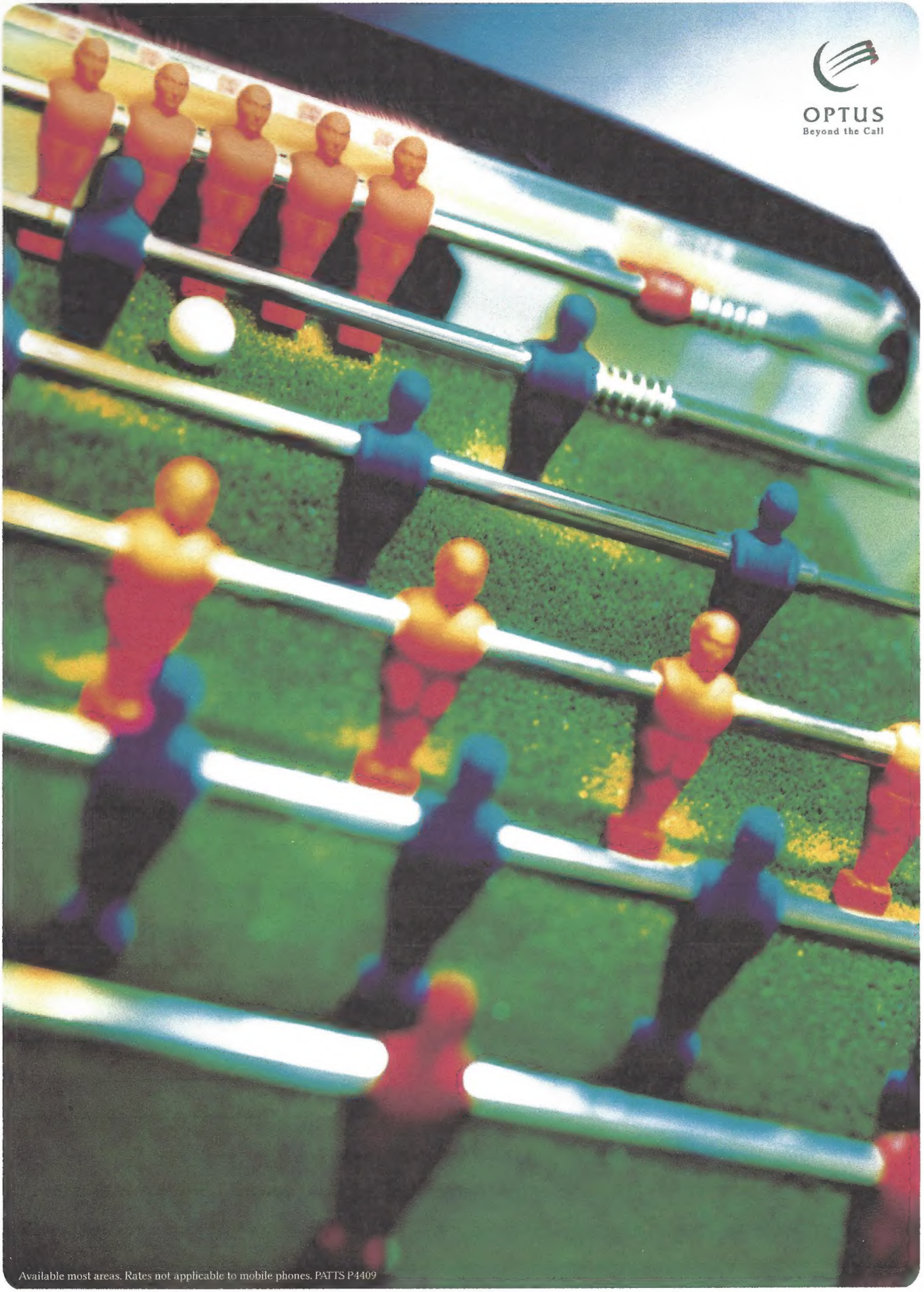

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THE AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS

WALLACE 'WALLY' DANN

Head of Delegation

Currently holds the position of President of the Queensland Soccer Federation and is a member of the National and Interstate Committee of the Australian Soccer Federation.

He served on the National Organising Committee for the 7th World Youth Championship for the FIFA/*Coca-Cola* Cup held in Australia last year.

An accountant by profession, he has a long record of honorary service to the game in Australia, and has occupied various executive positions at club, state and national levels over the past 30 years.

EDDIE THOMSON

National Coach

Date of Birth: 25 February 1947

Playing Career:
Scottish Premier Division
8 years — Heart of Midlothiansh
4 years — Aberdeen

North American Soccer League
1 year — San Antonia Thunder

Australia
3 years — Sydney City

Playing Honours

Scottish U/23 International
Scottish League Select

Coaching Career

7 years — Sydney City — Manager Coach
3 years — Sydney Olympic — Manager Coach
Australian Staff Coach
Scottish FA full badge holder
FIFA Coach
1 year — National Director of Coaching

Coaching Honours — Club

Sydney City — won every honour in NSL
1981, 1984, 1985 — Australian Coach of the Year
1989 — Sydney Olympic — Grand Finalists and NSL Cup Finalists

Coaching Honours — International

5 years — Assistant National Coach
1990 — National Coach

LES SCHEINFLUG

Assistant National Coach/National Youth Coach

Date of Birth: 1 October 1938

Playing Career

1957-1968 — Sydney FC Prague
1969-1970 — Marconi Fairfield (Player-Coach)

Playing Honours

1964-1968 — 11 appearances in National Team
1965 — Australia's first World Cup Captain v North Korea
1965 — Scored Australia's first ever World Cup goal v North Korea

Coaching Career

1974 — Assistant National Coach — World Cup Finals
1979-1981 — Assistant National Coach
1981-1984 — National Coach
1981-1983 — National Youth Coach
1986 — National Youth Coach
1990 — Assistant National Coach

Coaching Honours — International

1981 — Quarter Finalists — Australia U/20 WYC
1983 — Finals series — Mexico U/20 WYC
1987 — Finals series — Chile U/20 WYC
1989 — Qualification Series Play-Offs, Qatar, New Zealand U/20 WYC
1991 — Semi-Finalists — Portugal U/20 WYC equal third place
1993 — Semi-Finalists — Australia U/20 WYC
1991 — Quarter Finalists — U/17 FIFA/JVC Cup Italy
1993 — Quarter Finalists — U/17 FIFA/JVC Cup — Japan

VIC FERNANDEZ

Assistant Youth Coach

Date of Birth: 23 March 1939

Playing Career

5 years — San Lorenzo (Argentina)
7 years — St George (NSL)
1 year—New Zealand National League
2 years — Canberra City (NSL)

Playing Honours

Argentina (U20)

Coaching Career

Assistant Coach St George
Assistant Coach Canberra Arrows
Coach Canberra City

Coaching Honours

1986-1994 — Assistant National Youth Coach
1992 — Coach of Socceroos to Indonesia
1995 — Oceania Coach

TREVOR LAW

Team Doctor

JAMES CROCKER

Trainer/Massage Therapist

NELSON DELASIO

Gear Manager

PLAYER PROFILES

Statistics as at 7 February, 1995

PAUL WADE

Date of Birth: 20-03-63
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: South Melbourne
Height: 181 cms
Weight: 72 kgs
A Internationals: 71
Goals: 10

Australia's highest capped player, Paul first represented the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos in 1986 against China. Paul captained Australia in the two World Cup qualifying matches against Argentina. In those vital games Paul was given the unenviable task of marking the great Maradona. Paul is a player who gives his all for his country. A true ambassador of the game.

MILAN IVANOVIC

Date of Birth: 21-12-60
Position: Sweeper
Current Club: Adelaide City
Height: 187 cms
Weight: 80 kgs
A Internationals: 29
Goals: 0

Mainstay of the Australian defence, Milan is one of the veteran campaigners in the *Coca-Cola* Socceroo squad. The former Red Star Belgrade player first represented Australia in 1991 against Czechoslovakia. Milan was voted 1990/91 Player of the Year in the *Coca-Cola* Soccer League and in the 1992/93 *Coca-Cola* Soccer League Grand Final won the Marston Medal for the best player.

ALEX TOBIN

Date of Birth: 05-04-66
Position: Defender
Current Club: Adelaide City
Height: 190 cms
Weight: 80 kgs
A Internationals: 43
Goals: 1

A long standing member of the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos, Alex, along with his club mate Milan Ivanovic, always provides steady support at the back. Alex was a member of the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos throughout the entire 1993 World Cup campaign. One of Adelaide City's favourite sons, Alex captained Adelaide City to its third *Coca-Cola* Soccer League Championship victory last season. Alex also won the Joe Marston Medal as the best player of the Grand Final. Alex made his debut for the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos as a substitute against IFK Gothenburg in January, 1988.

JASON POLAK

Date of Birth: 09-01-68
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: South Melbourne
Height: 179 cms
Weight: 78 kgs
A Internationals: 12
Goals: 1

Made his debut for the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos against Fiji in December 1988 in a World Cup qualifier in Newcastle. Jason was a member of the 1987 World Youth Championship side that went to Chile. Jason played with *Coca-Cola* Soccer League Clubs Sydney Olympic and Newcastle Breakers. Stints overseas included Greek First Division club, Panathinaikos, Belgium side Kortrijk and Dutch club da Graafschap.

STAN LAZARIDIS

Date of Birth: 15-08-72
Position: Defender
Current Club: West Adelaide
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 75 kgs
A Internationals: 7
Goals: 0

At just twenty-one, Stan is one of Eddie Thomson's players of the future. Originally from Perth, the talented West Adelaide player has been a member of the *Coca-Cola* Socceroo squad since last year's World Cup campaign. His experience in Australia's World Cup campaign has put him in good stead for the future.

TONY VIDMAR

Date of Birth: 04-07-70
Position: Defender
Current Club: Adelaide City
Height: 187 cms
Weight: 78 kgs
A Internationals: 19
Goals: 0

Tony was a member of both the World Cup campaign of 1993 and the 1992 *Coca-Cola* Olyroo team that finished fourth in Barcelona. A vital member of *Coca-Cola* Soccer League Champions Adelaide City, Tony had a short stint in Europe following the Olympics but returned to Adelaide City in 1993.

DAMIEN MORI

Date of Birth: 30-09-70
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Adelaide City
Height: 185 cms
Weight: 85 kgs
A Internationals: 12
Goals: 1

In Adelaide Damien Mori is a hero. His performance in last season's *Coca-Cola* Soccer League Top Six Championship was so impressive that National Coach Eddie Thomson could not ignore him. His world class goal against Melbourne Knights gave Adelaide City the Championship, their third. A member of Australia's 1992 Olympic team, Damien may well become a permanent member of the *Coca-Cola* Socceroo squad with France 1998 his main objective.

STEVE HORVAT

Date of Birth: 14-03-71
Position: Sweeper
Current Club: Melbourne Knights
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 80 kgs
A Internationals: 1
Goals: 0

A player who National Coach Eddie Thomson rates highly, Steve finally gets his chance at the big time after missing out due to injury so many times. Steve has played for Australia at Youth and U/16 levels. The Knights sweeper has been pencilled in by many as the heir apparent to Milan Ivanovic as Australia's sweeper.

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JOHN MARKOVSKI

Date of Birth: 15-04-70
Position: Striker
Current Club: Morwell Falcons
Height: 186 cms
Weight: 95 kgs
A Internationals: 5
Goals: 0

The *Coca-Cola* Olyroo returns to the National team with a permanent place firmly in mind. The talented midfielder gets his chance after finding form with his new club, Morwell Falcons, during the recently completed *Coca-Cola* Soccer League Season.

ZELJKO KALAC

Date of Birth: 16-12-72
Position: Goalkeeper
Current Club: Sydney United
Height: 202 cms
Weight: 91 kgs
A Internationals: 6
Goals: 0

Voted the 1993/94 goalkeeper of the year, Zeljko made his debut for the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos in 1993 against Malaysia. Zeljko returned to the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos squad for the Kirin Cup in Japan when Mark Bosnich and Mark Schwarzer were both unavailable. Zeljko gained his second Australian Cap when Robert Zabica left the field injured in the Kirin Cup match against Japan.

STEVE CORICA

Date of Birth: 24-03-73
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Marconi-Fairfield
Height: 177 cms
Weight: 74 kgs
A Internationals: 4
Goals: 0

Steve is an exciting young *Coca-Cola* Socceroo star. Originally from Innisfail in Far North Queensland, Steve played for Queensland representative squads and then graduated to the Australian Schoolboys, the *Coca-Cola* Joeys, the *Coca-Cola* Young Socceroos, the *Coca-Cola* Olyroos and now the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos — the only player to have achieved this honour. A member of the Marconi-Fairfield's winning Grand Final team in the 1992/93 *Coca-Cola* Soccer League, Steve also won the 1992/93 *Coca-Cola* Soccer League's best Under 21 player of the year.

WARREN SPINK

Date of Birth: 04-10-66
Position: Striker
Current Club: Morwell Falcons
Height: 170 cms
Weight: 72 kgs
A Internationals: 18
Goals: 8

Made his debut for Australia against New Zealand in Dunedin in 1988. One of the more experienced members of the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos, Warren has been on several tours with the National team, including the tour of North and South America in 1992.

GABRIEL MENDEZ

Date of Birth: 12-03-73
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Parramatta Eagles
Height: 166 cms
Weight: 65 kgs
A Internationals: 2
Goals: 0

Small, yet agile, Gabriel possesses exceptional skills. A player with good vision Gabriel will gain a great deal from this current tour. Member of the *Coca-Cola* Olyroos, Australia's Under 23 Olympic Games qualifying team.

ANTE MORIC

Date of Birth: 19-04-74
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Sydney United
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 78 kgs
A Internationals: 0
Goals: 0

One of the hardest workers on the pitch, Ante gives 100% for any team he plays for. A great striker of the ball, Ante possesses good vision and a powerful shot. One of Australia's best at the 1993 FIFA/*Coca-Cola* Cup. Member of the *Coca-Cola* Olyroos, Australia's U23 Olympic Games qualifying team and a graduate of the AIS. Travelled with the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos to Malaysia and Japan.

KEVIN MUSCAT

Date of Birth: 07-08-73
Position: Defender
Current Club: South Melbourne
Height: 181 cms
Weight: 75 kgs
A. Internationals: 1
Goals: 0

Captain of the *Coca-Cola* Young Socceroos at the 1993 FIFA/*Coca-Cola* Cup and a regular with NSL club South Melbourne. One of the toughest players in the League, Kevin brings experience and exceptional organisational skills to the team. He made his debut for the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos in Australia's one-off match against Kuwait in September 1994.

TONY POPOVIC

Date of Birth: 04-07-73
Position: Defender
Current Club: Sydney United
Height: 193 cms
Weight: 93 kgs
A Internationals: 0
Goals: 0

Captain of National Soccer League club Sydney United, Tony is yet to make his debut for the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos, but did represent Australia as part of the *Coca-Cola* Olyroo squad that performed so well at the Barcelona Olympics. Tony was also a member of the the 1991 Championship for the FIFA/*Coca-Cola* Cup.

FRANK JURIC

Date of Birth: 28-10-73
Position: Goalkeeper
Current Club: Melbourne Knights
Height: 193 cms
Weight: 91 kgs
A Internationals: 18
Goals: 8

Another example of the strength of Australian goalkeeping. Frank partnered Vince Matassa at the 1993 World Youth Championship for the FIFA/*Coca-Cola* Cup held in Australia. Commanding in the air, Frank possesses a long kick. A good organiser around his goalmouth, Frank was called up to the senior team during the South African Series following the injury to Zeljko Kalac in the first match in Adelaide.

DANIEL TIATTO

Date of Birth: 22-05-73
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Melbourne Knights
Height: 170 cms
Weight: 70 kgs
A Internationals: 18
Goals: 8

Playing his first season in the National Soccer League, Daniel last played for Victorian Premier League side Bulleen. He not only became a member of the *Coca-Cola* Olyroo squad, replacing fellow Knights midfielder Damian Vojtek, but has now become the newest member of the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos squad, all in his first senior season.

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No.	NAME	CLUB
1	**Zeljko Kalac**	Sydney United
2	**Tony Vidmar**	Adelaide City
3	**Ante Moric**	Sydney United
4	**Milan Ivanovic**	Adelaide City
5	**Alex Tobin**	Adelaide City
6	**Paul Wade**	South Melbourne
7	**Damien Mori**	Adelaide City
8	**Jason Polak**	South Melbourne
9	**Daniel Tiatto**	Melbourne Knights
10	**Stan Lazaridis**	West Adelaide
11	**Steve Corica**	Marconi-Fairfield
12	**Steve Horvat**	Melbourne Knights
13	**John Markovski**	Morwell Falcons
14	**Tony Popovic**	Sydney United
15	**Gabriel Mendez**	Parramatta Eagles
16	**Kevin Muscat**	South Melbourne
17	**Warren Spink**	Morwell Falcons
22	**Frank Juric**	Melbourne Knights

Coca-Cola YOUNG SOCCEROOS

No.	NAME	No.	NAME
1	**Clint Bolton**	10	**Mark Viduka**
2	**Con Anthios**	11	**Josip Skoko**
3	**Paul Bilokapic**	12	**John Angelovski**
4	**Mark Rudan**	13	**Dino Mennillo**
5	**Richard Plesa**	14	**Joe Vrkic**
6	**Ian Pollari**	15	**Andrew Vlahos**
7	**Ufuk Talay**	16	**Robert Middleby**
8	**Robert Enes**	17	**John Carter**
9	**Nick Lazarevski**	18	**Leslie Pogliacomi**

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No.	NAME
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6	Hajime Moriyasu
7	Akira Narahashi
8	Tsuyoshi Kitazawa
9	Yoshiyuki Hasegawa
10	Toshiya Fujita
11	Masakiyo Maezono
12	Shinkichi Kikuchi
13	Kenta Hasegawa
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15	Motohiro Yamaguchi
16	Masahiro Fukuda
17	Tadashi Nakamura
18	Hiroshige Yanagimoto
19	Hisashi Kurosaki
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JAPAN NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM

No.	NAME	No.	NAME
19	Takashi Shimoda	16	Akihiro Endo
1	Seiji Honda	8	Shinji Otsuka
21	Seigo Narasaki	18	Daisuke Oki
5	Makoto Tanaka	15	Hidetoshi Nakata
6	Nobuhisa Yamada	7	Koji Kumagai
3	Kensaku Omori	11	Susumu Oki
12	Takahiro Yamanishi	9	Sotaro Yasunaga
13	Naoki Matsuda	17	Mitsutoshi Watada
4	Ryuzo Morioka	14	Mitsunori Yabuta
20	Tadahiro Akiba	22	Takashi Fukunishi
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JAPAN

PLAYER PROFILES

SHIGETATSU MATSUNAGA

Date of Birth: 12 August 1962
Position: Goalkeeper
Current Club: Yokohama Marinos
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 74 kgs
National Appearances: 34
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 79
Goals: 0

Has a keen sense of judgement and positioning. He was the regular goalkeeper of the national team since his debut in 1988 until the World Cup USA qualifiers. Rejoined the national team in December 1994 under Kamo.

YUTAKA AKITA

Date of Birth: 6 August 1970
Position: Defender
Current Club: Kashima Antlers
Height: 179 cms
Weight: 75 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 73
Goals: 4

Excellent physical balance and a tireless worker. Though he serves as a right-back for his club, he was positioned at centre-back for the squad. His powerful head shot can also be effective on upfield forays.

SATOSHI TSUNAMI

Date of Birth: 14 August 1961
Position: Defender
Current Club: Verdy Kawasaki
Height: 173 cms
Weight: 69 kgs
National Appearances: 77
Goals: 2
J-League Appearances: 13
Goals: 0

Made debut in 1980 against Singapore in the Spain World Cup qualifiers. He is a veteran player who has appeared 77 'A' matches which is the record for Japan. With a good sense of timing, he creates many goal-scoring chances from the left wing.

MASAMI IHARA

Date of Birth: 18 September 1967
Position: Defender
Current Club: Yokohama Marinos
Height: 182 cms
Weight: 72 kgs
National Appearances: 66
Goals: 3
J-League Appearances: 73
Goals: 1

Made national team debut in 1988 against UAE whilst studying at the Tsukuba University. Since then, he has been playing an important role. His good sense of timing, awareness and man-to-man defence are widely recognised. Selected to Best 11 of the 1992 Asian Cup, J-League 1993 and 1994.

TETSUJI HASHIRATANI

Date of Birth: 15 July 1964
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Verdy Kawasaki
Height: 181 cms
Weight: 72 kgs
National Appearances: 57
Goals: 6
J-League Appearances: 71
Goals: 5

A veteran player who has demonstated inspiring leadership. Though he has had vast experience as a centre-back in the squad, former head coach Falcao preferred to play him in a defensive midfield position. Made debut in 1988 against UAE. Selected for Asian All Stars of the 10th Asian Cup 1992, Hiroshima.

HAJIME MORIYASU

Date of Birth: 23 August 1968
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Sanfrecce Hiroshima
Height: 173 cms
Weight: 62 kgs
National Appearances: 26
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 75
Goals: 5

Former head coach Ooft discovered this previous unknown. Made his debut in 1992 against Argentina. Defensive midfielder who directs traffic from defence upfield with excellent timing.

AKIRA NARAHASHI

Date of Birth: 26 November 1971
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Bellmare Hiratsuka
Height: 170 cms
Weight: 72 kgs
National Appearances: 1
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 39
Goals: 2

A right-back who can burst into the attack. Small but powerful player who assists in attack with his talented crossing.

TSUYOSHI KITAZAWA

Date of Birth: 10 August 1968
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Verdy Kawasaki
Height: 170 cms
Weight: 67 kgs
National Appearances: 24
Goals: 2
J-League Appearances: 75
Goals: 15

Playing at right-half he is very energetic and sets up the attack. Has a good shot with his right foot. His dynamic play inspired his team to a victory against REP Korea in World Cup USA qualifiers. Made debut in 1991 against Thailand.

YOSHIYUKI HASEGAWA

Date of Birth: 11 February 1969
Position: Forward
Current Club: Kashima Antlers
Height: 179 cms
Weight: 66 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 73
Goals: 30

His headed shot from height is a threat to opponents. Has excellent ball control and is very strong against pressure. Being selected to the national team for the first time, he is expected to become a regular.

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TOSHIYA FUJITA

Date of Birth: 4 October 1971
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Idbilo Iwata
Height: 173 cms
Weight: 63 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 38
Goals: 7

Joined the club in 1994 when Idbilo Iwata was promoted to the J-League. Suffered from injury at the beginning of the season but after recovery played a significant role in defence and attack. He is a good passer of the ball and has excellent shooting ability.

MASAKIYO MAEZONO

Date of Birth: 29 October 1973
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Yokohama Flugels
Height: 170 cms
Weight: 63 kgs
National Appearances: 6
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 61
Goals: 10

Small but lively, he joins into the attack with speedy dribbling. Shoots well with either foot. Made debut in May 1994 against Australia.

SHINKICHI KIKUCHI

Date of Birth: 12 April 1967
Position: Goalkeeper
Current Club: Jef United Ichihara
Height: 181 cms
Weight: 75 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 67
Goals: 0

Known for his remarkable courage and strong mentality to face an opposing striker. Has excellent judgement and positional sense. Selected to the squad for the second time.

KENTA HASEGAWA

Date of Birth: 25 September 1965
Position: Forward
Current Club: Shimizu S-Pulse
Height: 177 cms
Weight: 77 kgs
National Appearances: 24
Goals: 3
J-League Appearances: 80
Goals: 19

A forward who comes directly into the attack from the right with speedy dribbling. Known for a powerful shot with his right foot from outside the box. Joined the squad in 1989.

KAZUYOSHI MIURA

Date of Birth: 26 February 1967
Position: Forward
Current Club: Genoa (Italy)
Height: 175 cms
Weight: 72 kgs
National Appearances: 40
Goals: 23
J-League Appearances: 58
Goals: 36

Since his debut in 1990 for the Asian Games, he has scored 23 goals in 40 International matches. Transferred to Genoa (Italy) in July 1994, he is the first Asian player in the Italian league.

MOTOHIRO YAMAGUCHI

Date of Birth: 29 January 1969
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Yokohama Flugels
Height: 177 cms
Weight: 72 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 68
Goals: 5

Defensive midfielder who has been an integral part of the squad. Can be relied on for his cool play and all-round skills.

MASAHIRO FUKUDA

Date of Birth: 27 December 1966
Position: Midfielder
Current Club: Urawa Red Diamonds
Height: 176 cms
Weight: 68 kgs
National Appearances: 30
Goals: 6
J-League Appearances: 52
Goals: 10

Breaking through with outstanding dribbling speed he is a threat to opposing defences. Made debut in 1990 for the 1st Dynasty Cup against REP Korea.

TADASHI NAKAMURA

Date of Birth: 10 June 1971
Position: Defender
Current Club: Verdy Kawasaki
Height: 175 cms
Weight: 70 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 55
Goals: 2

Has excellent talent in every defensive position. Known for his flexible man-to-man marking. He can also come forward and shoot from a distance.

HIROSHIGE YANAGIMOTO

Date of Birth: 15 October 1972
Position: Defender
Current Club: Sanfrecce Hiroshima
Height: 173 cms
Weight: 64 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 59
Goals: 4

A right-back but also capable of playing as a centre-back. Has demonstrated his defensive qualities together with his speedy attacking ability in J-League 1994.

HISASHI KUROSAKI

Date of Birth: 8 May 1968
Position: Forward
Current Club: Kashima Antlers
Height: 185 cms
Weight: 79 kgs
National Appearances: 14
Goals: 1
J-League Appearances: 60
Goals: 21

Tall forward who is strong in the air and also shoots well with his right foot. Possesses excellent reflexes and ball skills. Made debut in the Asian Cup Final in 1988 against Iran.

KENICHI SHIMOKAWA

Date of Birth: 14 May 1970
Position: Goalkeeper
Current Club: Jef United Ichihara
Height: 187 cms
Weight: 88 kgs
National Appearances: 0
Goals: 0
J-League Appearances: 57
Goals: 0

Due to his fine physique he was regarded as an outstanding goalkeeper when he joined the National Youth Team. Played in the qualifiers for the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988.

THE JAPAN OFFICIALS

HISASHI KATO
Head of Delegation

SHU KAMO
Head Coach

Date of Birth: October 29, 1939
Age: 55
Nationality: Japanese
Date of Appointment: December 1994

After graduating from Kwansei Gakuin University, he joined the Yanmar Diesel Engine Co. Ltd. and became a member of their football club. In 1967, he started coaching Yanmar SC and led the team to be champions of Emperor's Cup in 1968, 1970 and Japan Soccer League in 1971. He has majored in the First FIFA Coaching School in 1969. Began coaching Nissan FC in 1979, which was in Kanagawa Prefectural League. Led the team to be champions of the Emperor's Cup 1983. In 1988, team won all three titles: the Emperor's Cup, Japan Soccer League and JSL Cup. In 1990, started as coach of ANA FC (present Yokohama Flugels) and won the Emperor's Cup in 1994 which became the first title after joining the J-League.

TAKESHI OKADA
Coach

Date of Birth: August 25, 1956
Age: 38
Nationality: Japanese
Date of Appointment: December 1994

He was highly regarded as a prominent player since high school. Played in the national youth team and the Universidade national team. After his studies at the Waseda University, he joined Furukawa Electric Co., LTD in 1980 and became a member of Furukawa FC where he has experienced JSL Cup champions twice, champion of Japan Soccer League and Asian Club Championship, etc. Has appeared in a total of 189 games. He has also appeared in 26 International A matches including Los Angeles Olympic Games qualifiers and Mexico World Cup qualifiers. Retired in 1990, and starts as coach of Furukawa FC (presently Jef United Ichihara).

FLAVIO
Physical Coach

Full Name: Luis Flavio Ribairo Buongermino
Date of Birth: June 8, 1949
Age: 45
Nationality: Brazilian
Date of Appointment: December 1994

Born in Brazil in 1949. Studied for a professional degree in physical education at the Sao Carlos Universidade. As a physical coach, he has a career with many famous clubs including Associacao Portuguesa de Desportos, Guarani Futebol Clube, Atletico Bragantino, Santos FC and also for the Saudi Arabia national team. In November 1991, he became a physical coach of Yomiuri FC (presently Verdy Kawasaki) and led the team to be champions of Japan Soccer League, J-League Championship, JSL Cup, J-League Cup, etc. He also writes on physical training and is published in Brazil.

JAPAN U20 NATIONAL TEAM OFFICIALS

KOJI TANAKA
Head Coach

MASAKUNI YAMAMOTO
Coach

KIYOTAKA MATSUI
GK Coach

YOSHINORI PUJIMOTO
Doctor

SHUNICHI TAKAHASHI
Masseur

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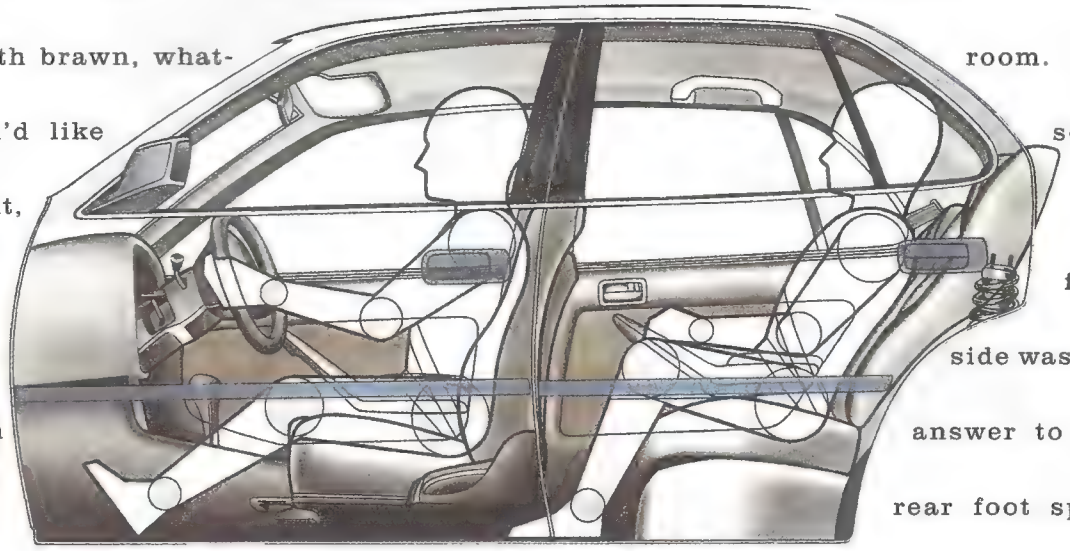

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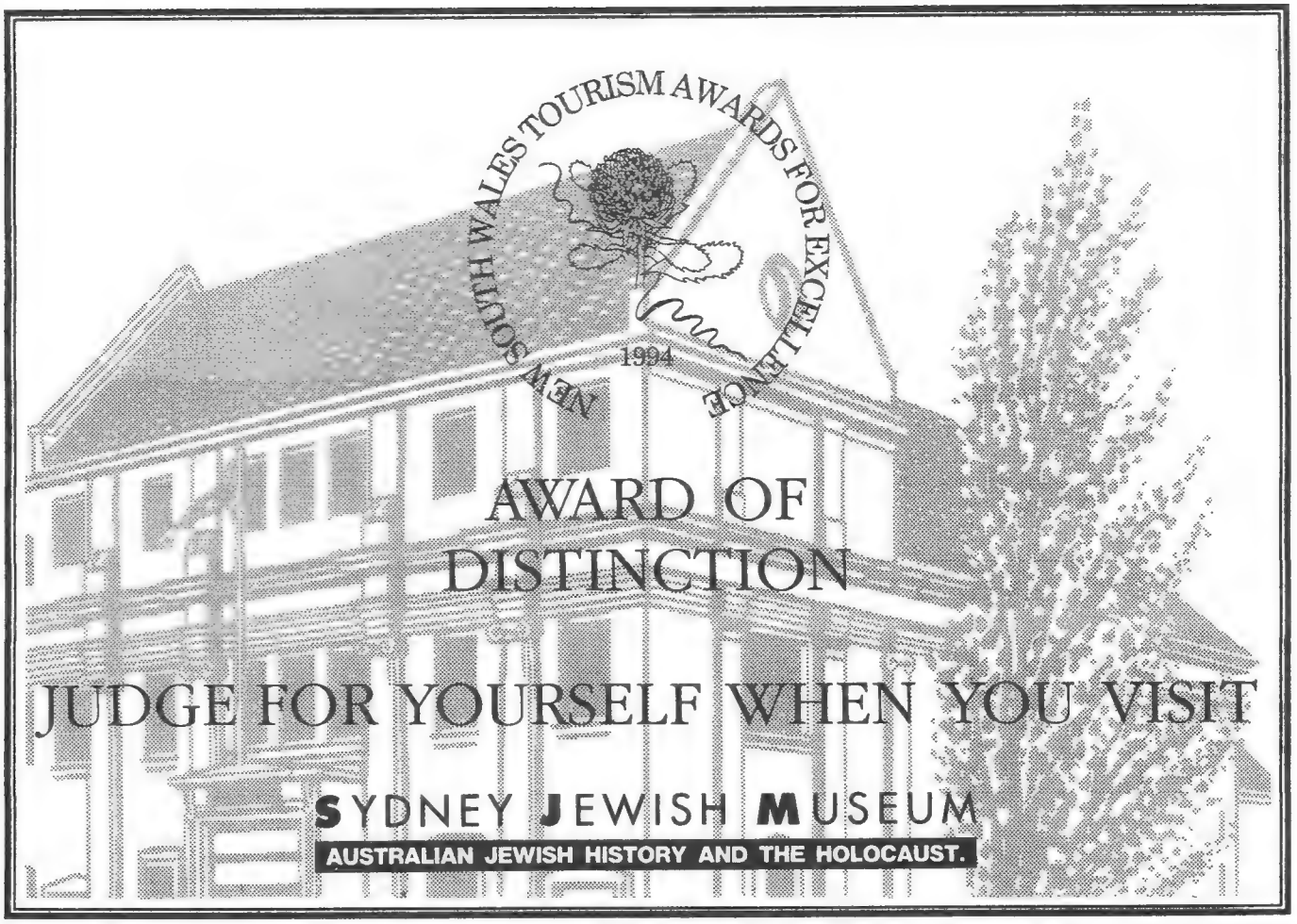

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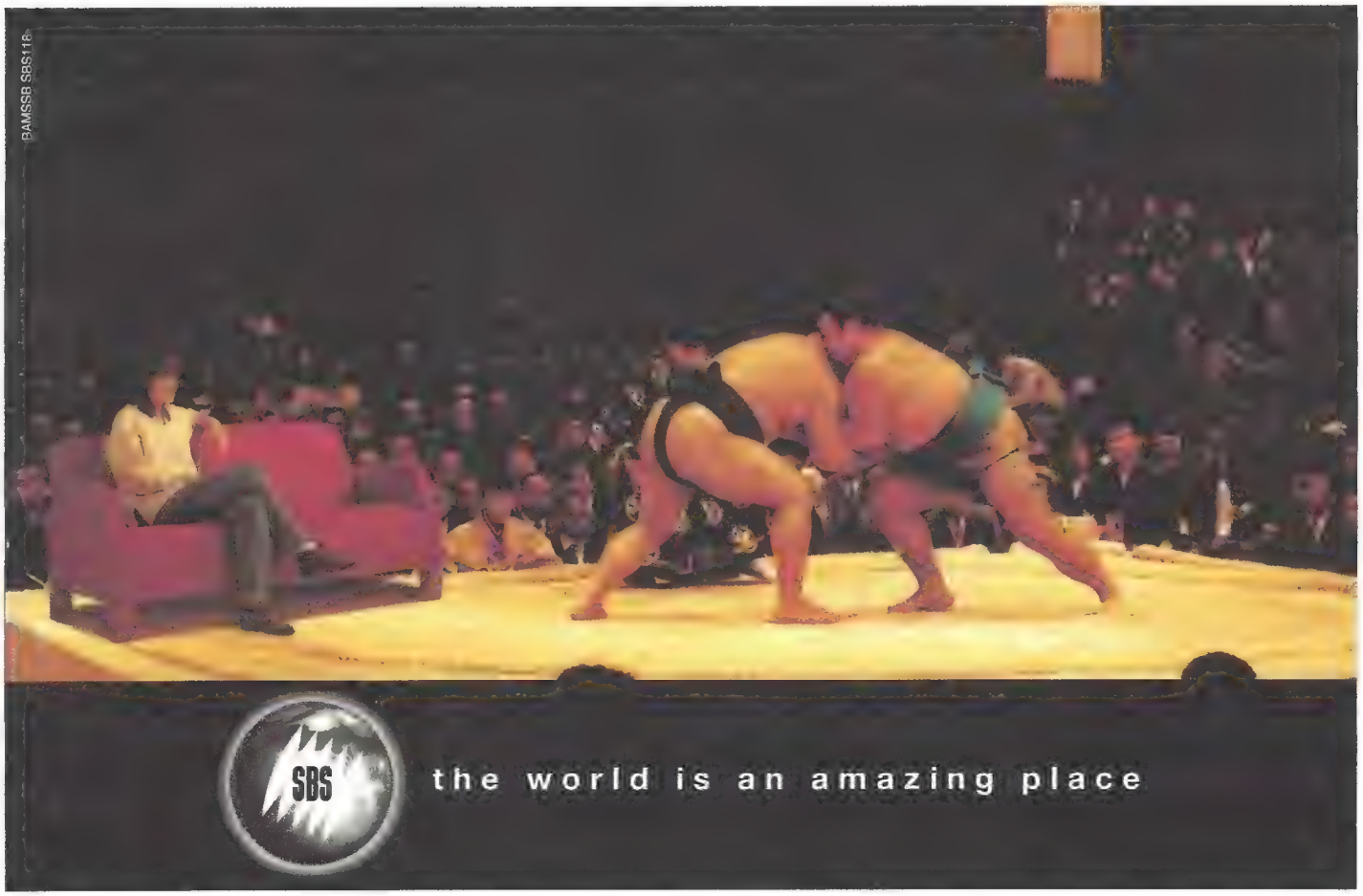

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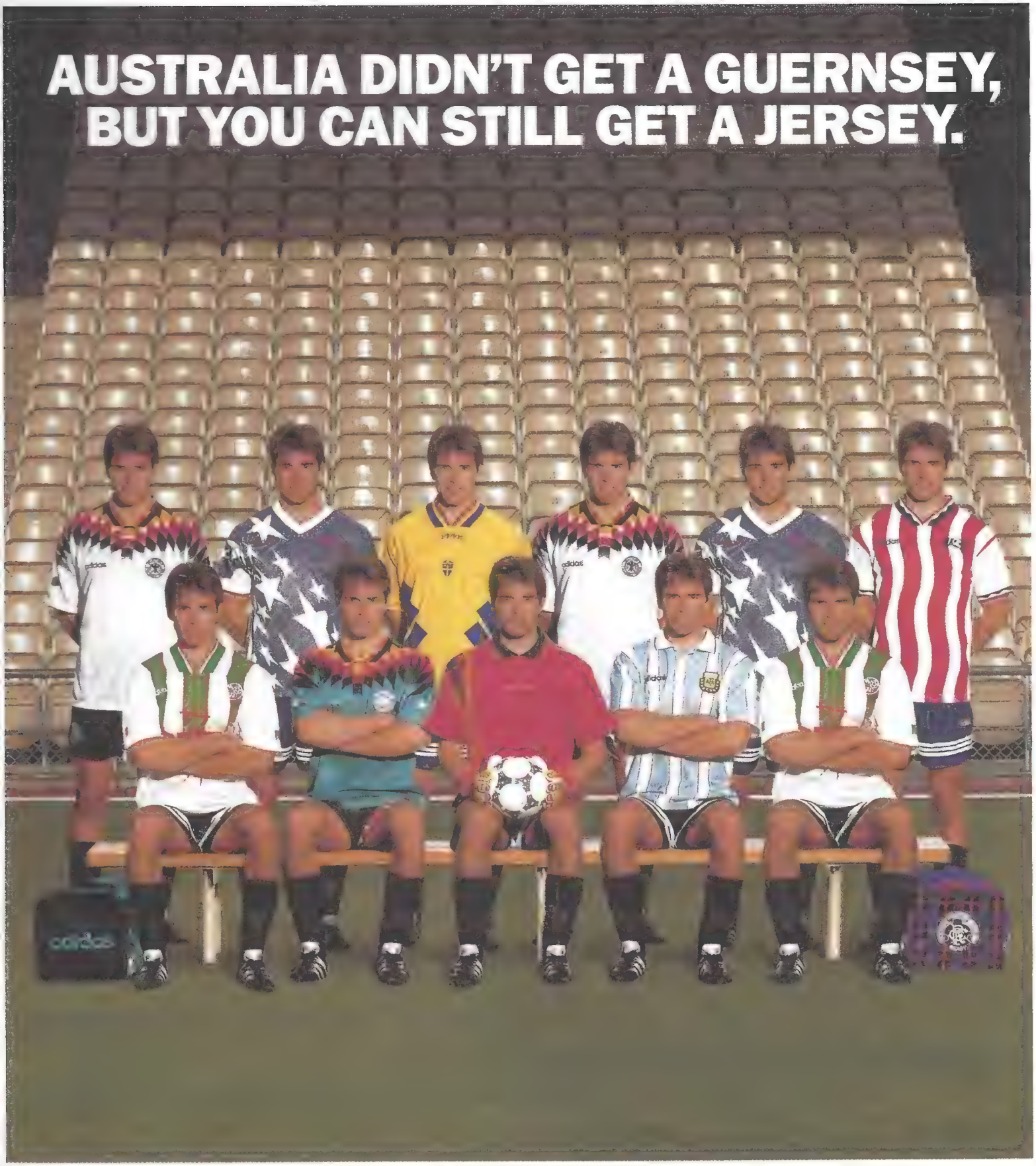

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PLAYER PROFILES

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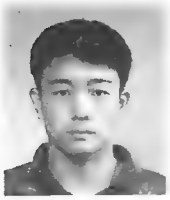

Date of Birth: 28-11-75
Position: Goalkeeper
Height: 183 cms
Weight: 74 kgs

SEIJI HONDA

Date of Birth: 25-02-76
Position: Goalkeeper
Height: 182 cms
Weight: 72 kgs

SEIGO NARASAKI

Date of Birth: 15-04-76
Position: Goalkeeper
Height: 185 cms
Weight: 74 kgs

MAKOTO TANAKA

Date of Birth: 08-08-75
Position: Defender
Height: 178 cms
Weight: 67 kgs

NOBUHISA YAMADA

Date of Birth: 10-09-75
Position: Defender
Height: 176 cms
Weight: 65 kgs

KENSAKU OMORI

Date of Birth: 21-11-75
Position: Defender
Height: 178 cms
Weight: 70 kgs

TAKAHIRO YAMANISHI

Date of Birth: 02-04-76
Position: Defender
Height: 172 cms
Weight: 61 kgs

NAOKI MATSUDA

Date of Birth: 14-03-77
Position: Defender
Height: 182 cms
Weight: 69 kgs

RYUZO MORIOKA

Date of Birth: 07-10-75
Position: Defender
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 71 kgs

TADAHIRO AKIBA

Date of Birth: 13-10-75
Position: Defender
Height: 173 cms
Weight: 65 kgs

SUGURU ITO

Date of Birth: 07-09-75
Position: Midfielder
Height: 177 cms
Weight: 68 kgs

AKIHIRO ENDO

Date of Birth: 18-09-75
Position: Midfielder
Height: 172 cms
Weight: 65 kgs

SHINJI OTSUKA

Date of Birth: 29-12-75
Position: Midfielder
Height: 180 cms
Weight: 67 kgs

DAISUKE OKU

Date of Birth: 07-02-76
Position: Midfielder
Height: 172 cms
Weight: 63 kgs

HIDETOSHI NAKATA

Date of Birth: 22-01-77
Position: Midfielder
Height: 175 cms
Weight: 66 kgs

KOJI KUMAGAI

Date of Birth: 23-10-75
Position: Midfielder
Height: 177 cms
Weight: 63 kgs

SUSUMU OKI

Date of Birth: 23-02-76
Position: Forward
Height: 177 cms
Weight: 75 kgs

SOTARO YASUNAGA

Date of Birth: 20-04-76
Position: Forward
Height: 176 cms
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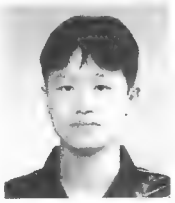

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AUSTRALIA ON THE MARCH TO SUCCESS

In the last four years Australia has reached the Quarter-Finals of the World Under 17 Youth Cup twice, the Semi-Finals of the Under 20 World Youth Cup twice, the Semi-Finals of the 1992 Olympic Games and the last qualifying game of the 1994 World Cup, losing only 0-1 to the might of an Argentine side that included Maradona, Batistusta and Balbo. Tonight the Socceroos play Japan and our Young Socceroos take on the Young Japanese before they embark on their quest to win the World Youth Cup in Africa. The reality is that nations are now wanting to play Australia and the perception that Australia is not a 'serious' football nation has long been put to rest.

The following is an outline of these programs and the path that a young player reading this program before he watches his Socceroo heroes play tonight, can take to reach the ultimate goal of becoming an Australian Socceroo. This goal is now developing into not only becoming a Socceroo, but to play in the World Cup Finals as well. Particularly now that Oceania has a comparatively easier qualification to France 1998.

All young players up to the age of eleven, both boys (and the ever increasing number of girls) start their Soccer careers playing the national modified game of RooBall. This game is played with modified equipment and pitches and has the basic philosophies

There is also a growing band of over 80 players playing professionally abroad. These include Zelic in Germany, Bosnich, Dorigo and Slater in England and Farina in France. In fact, there are enough players playing in England and Belgium to play a match against each other. Also six goalkeepers are presently playing professionally in England and there is also the rapidly expanding Asian market with a large number of players playing in the lucrative Malaysian League.

Something must be going right in the game!

The development of Soccer is obviously on the right track in Australia as these results do not come by accident and are, in fact, the culmination of long-term planning and programs that are nationally-based and administered by the Australian Soccer Federation (ASF). These programs are delivered by our State Federation system and National Soccer League Clubs.

of: Maximum Participation; Skill Development; Equal Opportunity and Fun. All the ASF research has shown that a game which provides a player more touches of a ball in an atmosphere of fun will encourage him or her to stay in the game longer. To supplement this a team of high profile Development Officers, including male and female Socceroos, conduct a program of school visits to promote the game and encourage young players to join a Soccer club. Gary Phillips, the Queensland State Development Officer who is an example of one of our elite players developing a career in the game, states that the major aims of the ASF Development Program are to get more young people to play the game and to ensure the environment that they play in is skill-based and enjoyable. The more players playing play soccer, the greater the proof or talent identification.

At the age of eleven, players start to play in organised leagues and the best young players are identified by coaches and invited to attend skill-based clinics where they are given technique training under the guidance of the State Director of Coaching. As the players develop, the elite 14 and 15 year olds are invited to attend the Intensive Training Centre program (ITC) which is run in each State. The Male and Female ITC programs are staffed by Level 3 coaches who have a strong playing background in the game. These coaches include Jeff Olver, Steve O'Connor, Marc Jones, Martyn Crook, Gary Marocchi and Mike Milanovic. These players who are in the ITC program form the nucleus of the State teams from which the first National Squad (under 17) is chosen. It is pleasing that National League Clubs are starting to realise the value of player development programs and are employing more accredited coaches to work with elite youth squads. The work of these coaches is making the National Youth league a highly skilled and competitive league.

So in reality we are training our ex-elite players to become coaches of our future elite players.

Mike Wells, National Director of Coaching, states: 'Our modern programs are geared very much towards providing more complete career paths for players to play better and then continue in later life to become the coaches of the future. In less than a decade we have gone from being an importer of players and coaches to today where we are exporting players and coaches. This work has been recognised by FIFA.'

To further this work the ASF has introduced the Reusch Goalkeeping Coaching Course to train goalkeeper coaches. These courses are staffed by accredited coaches who have all played at the highest level, including Bruce James and Jeff Olver. We produce great goalkeepers in Australia and we are aiming to continue this.

These programs are also available equally for girls and there has been a massive increase in female participation. This is not a token gesture, as the economic reality is that Soccer can increase its base of players, coaches and volunteers by tapping into the female market. The long-term benefit is that if mothers believe soccer is the game to play then they will

encourage children to play it, and we can introduce the love of the game early! Further to this point, the majority of primary teachers are females and we conduct coaching courses for these teachers so that soccer is encouraged in the school system. The results of this program show that RooBall is the most popular sport played in primary schools (Australian Sports Commission research).

The Female Socceroos under Coach Tom Sermanni have also qualified for the 1995 Women's World Cup and are ranked in the top 10 in the world. Sermanni said, 'The young players of my squad for Sweden, such as Salisbury and Casagrande, are showing the future for women's soccer: superb athletes who can also play. There is no doubt that the ITC program will unearth exciting talent.'

Anissa Tann, a Female Socceroo and State Development Officer for New South Wales, adds: 'When we visit a school we treat all players equally, irrespective of gender. Young players who I first saw in schools are now starting to play with and against me. We don't patronise females, we set the highest standards for them. When our Development Team of George Sorras, JP De Marigny and Kaye Yardin, go to a school we offer a quality Soccer lesson backed up by coaching resources and posters. Many of the young children come up to George and JP at NSL matches and tell them that . . . you coached me! The system is working.'

The elite Youth players of the country are then invited to attend the Residential Program at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Ron Smith, the Head Coach of the AIS, outlines the work of the AIS: 'The program at the AIS provides the best opportunity for young players to develop whatever potential they

have. Time spent at the AIS is an investment for a future in professional football. The individual is the focal point in the program where good habits, attitude and a professional work ethic are developed. The AIS, which provides approximately 50% of players for the National Youth team, is the program at the top of the youth development pyramid. Examples of players who have come through our system include Frank Farina, Ned Zelic and Alistair Edwards.'

The elite players in Australia are at the age of 16/18 playing in the National Youth League, with a few starting to progress into the senior teams. National Youth Coach, Les Scheinflug, is a great believer in promoting young players and actively encourages his National Youth Squad to be playing senior football. Scheinflug states: 'The only way a young player can improve his ability is to play against experienced and varied opponents. In Australia we try to provide the right mix of opposition both at home and overseas. It is very much about young players becoming "street wise".'

Once a player reaches 18 he is then in the 'real world' of football and National Coach Eddie Thomson selects his Olympic and Socceroo squads from players in the National Soccer League and from the players earning their living abroad.

The results of 'Thommo's' Socceroo and Olyroo teams have been outstanding and the reality is that when the National teams do well then it is easier for the Development Officers to work. Eddie said: 'When I took this job, one of my ambitions was for it to be difficult for our stars to walk down the street, rather than be anonymous. This is happening. Players like Wadey, Viduka and Viddy are constantly recognised, never mind Zelic and Bosnich. These players and our results are helping to spread the game and to achieve the status that the game deserves.'

The results of these planned programs are showing that Australia is becoming a force in World Football. As Australia draws closer to Asia to obtain the tough opposition it needs, more and more young players will flow out of 'the System' and Australia will continue its climb towards being part of the elite Soccer nations in the world.

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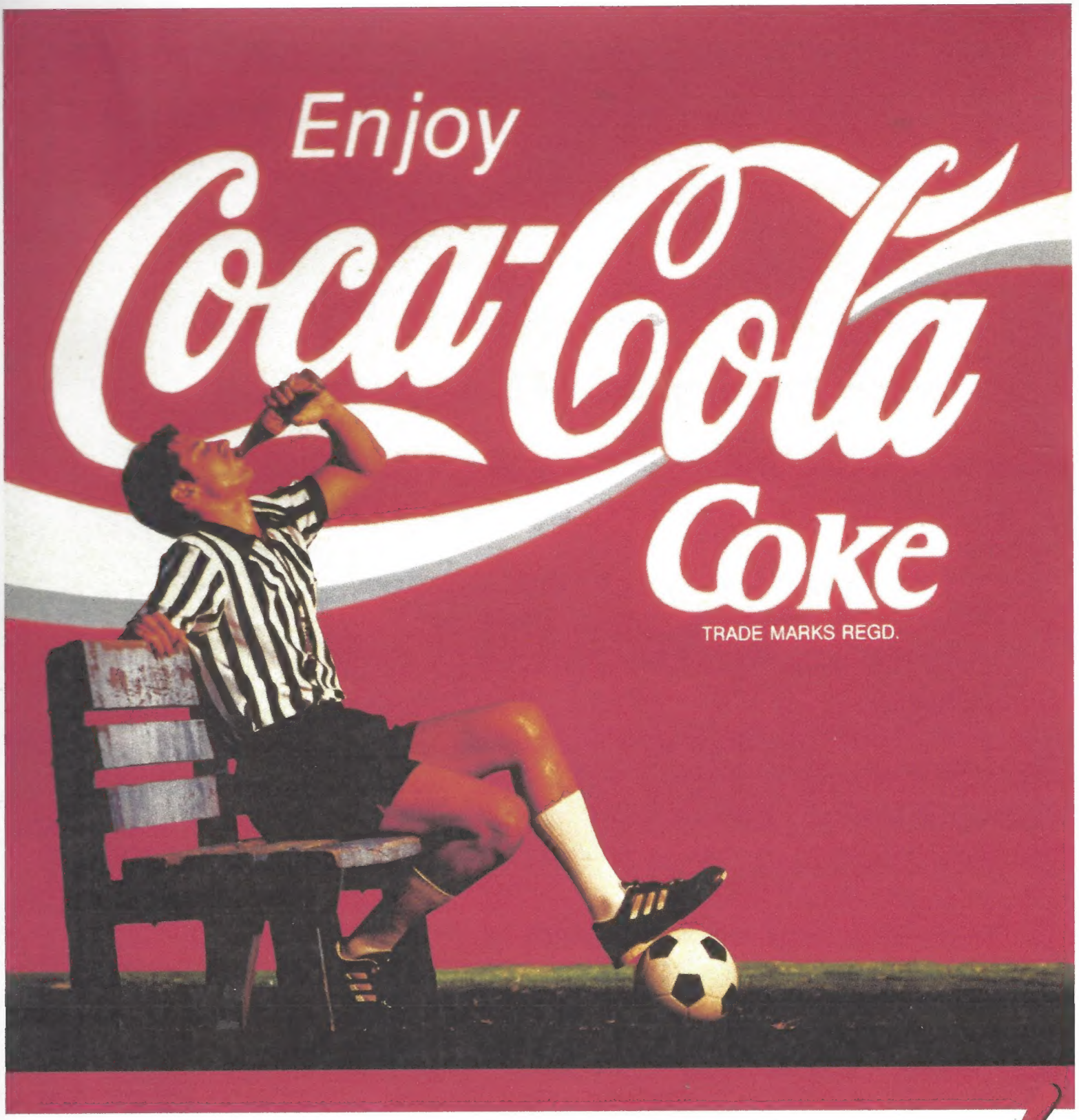

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